

REMARKS

Claim 11 is added and claims 6, 9, and 10 are canceled by this amendment, leaving claims 1-5, 7, 8, and 11 pending in the present application. No new claims have been added. In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Several amendments to the specification are presented herein to correct errors in the disclosure and conform the specification to the originally filed drawings. In addition, minor changes to the drawings are proposed to correct additional errors. Finally, certain claims including the specific language now removed from the specification have been canceled. No new matter has been introduced, and therefore consideration of the amended application is respectfully requested.

With regard to the errors in the specification, amendments are presented to conform the written description to the originally filed drawings. The specification at column 1, line 62, to column 2, line 3, discloses a first fitting having a second ridged member, and that the second ridged member is trapped against a second abutment. This disclosure is in error. The proper disclosure is best shown in original Figures 4 and 5, where the first fitting has a first ridged member that is trapped between first and second abutments. The second ridged member is not used to retain the first fitting adjacent the filter bag retainer, but instead simply secures hose. The amendments presented above correct the description so that it complies with the originally filed drawings.

The specification includes similar incorrect descriptions at column 2, lines 21-29 and at column 3, lines 58-64. The amendments presented above correct the specification in manner consistent with that noted immediately above.

Additional amendments to the specification are presented to correct informal or typographical errors. Entry and consideration of all foregoing amendments to the specification are specifically requested.

Turning to the claims, claims 6, 9, and 10 have been canceled for including subject matter that has been removed from the specification. Namely, these claims recited a second ridged member that is trapped against a second abutment.

In addition, claim 11 has been added to the application. Claim 11 depends from claim 1, and therefore does not broaden the scope of the claims presented herein. It is directed to the specific embodiment best illustrated in Fig. 5, where the first ridge is loosely trapped between a first abutment on the filter bag retainer and a second abutment on the second fitting. Entry and consideration of these claim amendments and additions are respectfully requested.

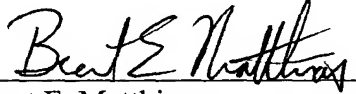
Finally, with respect to the drawings, changes are proposed to correct obvious errors. With regard to Fig. 1, applicant proposes to remove the lead line and reference numeral 31 indicating the cylinder abutment 31 from its current position at the base of the threaded cylinder 28 and move it to the opposite end of the cylinder 28. In addition, applicant proposes to delete the lead line and reference numeral 42 indicating the swivel fitting abutment 42 entirely from Fig. 1. A separate sheet showing these changes in red ink is enclosed.

In revised Fig. 5, applicant proposes to add lead lines and reference numerals 31 and 42, indicating the cylinder abutment and swivel fitting abutment, respectively. These changes more clearly illustrate how the first ridged member 44 is trapped between the abutments 31, 42. A separate sheet showing these changes in red ink is enclosed.

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, and 11 as now appearing in the present application are in good and proper form for allowance. Consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

If, in the opinion of the examiner a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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